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For : DRIVE LEVEL FLOW-FIELD
CONDITIONING TO REDUCE FLOW
FIELD TURBULENCE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ADD
ADDITIONAL PRIORITY CLAIM

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Sir:

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment to amend its specification to claim priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/232,036, filed September 12, 2000, and entitled "METHODS FOR REDUCTION OF THE EFFECT OF AIR TURBULENCE INSIDE DISC DRIVES" in addition to the provisional applications to which priority was previously claimed and to correct the filing date of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/263,629. Applicants submit a replacement File Data Sheet with the additional priority claim.

Prior to the calculation of fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 5 and ending on Page 1, line 13 as follows:

The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/211,553, filed June 14, 2000 and entitled "DRIVE LEVEL FLOW-FIELD CONDITIONING FOR WINDAGE REDUCTION", U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/232,036, filed September 12, 2000 and entitled "METHODS FOR REDUCTION OF THE EFFECT OF AIR TURBULENCE INSIDE DISC DRIVES", U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/263,629, filed January 23, 2001, and entitled "AIRFLOW REGULATING FEATURES TO HELP REDUCE AIRFLOW INDUCED VIBRATION ON SUSPENSION ARMS"; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/286,483, filed April 26, 2001 and entitled "AIRFLOW REGULATING FEATURES TO HELP REDUCE AIRFLOW INDUCED VIBRATION ON SUSPENSION, ARMS AND DISCS".

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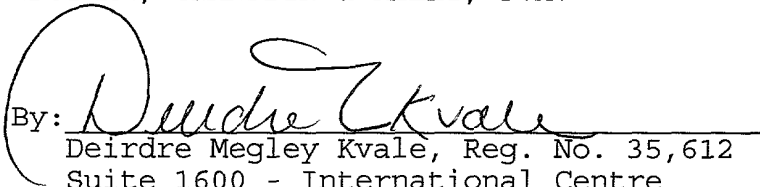
REMARKS

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS

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